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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Purushothama RAO

Serial No.: 09/998,248

Issue Date: November 30, 2001

For: METHOD FOR MAKING POSITIVE  
GRIDS AND LEAD-ACID CELLS AND  
BATTERIES USING SUCH GRIDS

Examiner: Raymond Alejandro

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

Amendments to the abstract begin on page 4.

The Remarks begin on page 5.